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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 5 MEETING WITH PRIME
MINISTER

REFS: (A) LUXEMBOURG 350 (B) BRUSSELS 6367;
(C) STATE 75083 (D) STATE 79059

1. WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 5 MEETING WITH THORN,
COMING AS IT DOES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING APRIL 4 EC FOREIGN
MINISTERS COUNCIL AND ON EVE OF APRIL 7-8 EC SUMMIT, IS
EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN FROM HIM STATUS OF CURRENT
EC ISSUES. AMBASSADOR LOWENSTEIN, ACCORDINGLY, MAY WISH
TO GET THORN'S ASSESSMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S COUNCIL
(REF B) AND SEEK HIS VIEWS ON LIKELY OUTCOME OF APRIL 7-8
EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN.

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2. WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EC POSITION ON
US REQUEST FOR RENEGOTIATION OF THE US/EURATOM AGREEMENT
(REF C) AND DECISION, IF ANY, ON COMMON EC POSITIONS ON
PROPOSED ECE HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS (REF D).

3. A MAJOR TOPIC FOR EUROPEAN COUNCIL DISCUSSION WILL

BE THE MTN. PROPOSED LISTS OF EXCEPTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS
FROM THE EC TARIFF OFFER HAVE ALREADY BEEN PREPARED AND A

DECISION MAY BE PROPOSED AT THE COUNCIL TO TABLE SOME OR
ALL OF THEM IN GENEVA. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF
AMBASSADOR WOULD CONVEY OUR VIEW THAT AT THIS STAGE OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS BOTH WE AND THE EC SHOULD FOCUS ON
EVALUATION OF THE QUALITY OF OFFERS NOW ON THE TABLE
AND AN EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS.

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